

named the County an "Employer of Choice." In 2019, he was the first county manager to receive the "County Manager of the Year" award from the Colorado City and County Management Association.

Mr. Gonzales has dutifully implemented the policies and priorities of the Board of County Commissioners and expertly overseen the day-to-day operations of the county throughout his tenure. Mr. Gonzalez managed many initiatives that positively impacted the residents of Adams County. Initiatives such as the People and Culture Services Department, the establishment of a new animal shelter, the completion of the state-of-the-art human services building, and a new Veterans memorial dedicated to Adams County Veterans who served and sacrificed for their country.

We thank Mr. Gonzales for his years of service to Adams County, and we are pleased he will be taking the next step in his career as the President of the Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation (MDEDC) and Executive Vice President of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce. We look forward to the incredible things he will do for the State of Colorado.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS

#### HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 23, 2021*

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise, along with my colleague, Congressman STEVE COHEN, fellow co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Global Road Safety, to mark the 26th World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims (World Day) on Sunday, November 21, 2021.

On this solemn event, families, advocates, and leaders around the world gather to remember the tens of millions of lives impacted by road crashes and the bravery of the first responders and health care workers who work valiantly to save as many lives as possible.

World Day of Remembrance was initiated in 1995 as the European Day of Remembrance and quickly spread around the globe. In 2005 the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 60/2, recognizing the third Sunday in November as the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims.

Every year, the goals of the World Day of Remembrance are to remember all people killed and seriously injured on the roads; acknowledge the crucial work of the emergency services; advocate for better support to road traffic victims and their families; and promote evidence-based actions to prevent and eventually stop further road traffic deaths and injuries.

More than one million people die from road crashes every year, and tens of millions are seriously injured. Road traffic crashes are the number one killer of young people aged 15–29, the third leading killer of Americans abroad, and the eighth leading cause of death among all people worldwide. Despite these figures, our understanding of the full scope of the problem is still lacking, and additional data collection is imperative.

World Day of Remembrance 2021 also focuses on reduction of traffic speeds. Studies

have shown unequivocally that lowering speeds has the potential to prevent many deaths and serious injuries, in particular those of pedestrians and all other vulnerable road users like children, people with disabilities, and the elderly.

This year also marks the beginning of the second global Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021–2030, which has a primary goal of reducing the number of deaths and serious injuries caused by road traffic accidents by at least 50 percent by 2030. Additionally, in October 2021, Congressman COHEN and I officially relaunched the Congressional Caucus on Global Road Safety, working closely with the Association for Safe International Road Travel (ASIRT), the leading U.S. nonprofit advocating for safe travel on the world's roads.

Rochelle Sobel founded ASIRT in response to the death of her son Aron, a 22-year-old medical student who was killed in a bus crash in Turkey along with 23 other passengers. ASIRT works to improve the safety of travelers through education and advocacy and was instrumental in encouraging the establishment of the Caucus in 2004.

Looking ahead to what we must accomplish in this second Decade of Action, it is crucial that we collaborate to enact common sense solutions to meaningfully reduce the terrible toll of road crashes. We know how to save lives, now we must muster the will and courage to act with conviction.

As Co-Chairs of the Congressional Caucus on Global Road Safety, we implore our colleagues, partners, stakeholders, industry leaders and decision-makers worldwide to heed the message of World Day to "remember, support, and act" to improve road safety and prevent avoidable tragedies. We look forward to welcoming more of our colleagues to the Caucus and working in earnest to provide leadership and make tangible advances to reduce road deaths.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF GORDON "MACK" MCKINLEY, JR.

#### HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 23, 2021*

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my friend, Gordon "Mack" McKinley, Jr., who passed away on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at the age of 72.

Mack and I grew up together in Beaumont, Texas, survived high school together and were roommates and fraternity brothers during college at the University of Texas.

Mack was a guy you could count on in good times and bad times to always have a positive outlook. He learned it through an adversity that terrified the mothers of our generation and left its mark on those who survived it. But Mack was strong and resilient, and he never let polio define him.

He was born on November 14, 1948, in Galveston, Texas, and named after his dad, Gordon McKinley, Sr. He was an only child, but a friend to many.

Like many students at the University of Texas in Austin, Mack fell in love with the city and stayed on after graduation. In 1974, he opened a club called The Common Interest which quickly became a popular hangout and

has been an Austin institution for the last 47 years. The Common Interest provided a great gathering place where sports games could be enjoyed with friends, songs could be sung and fun could be had by all, especially Mack, a huge fan of the University of Texas Longhorns.

Mack also fell in love with a girl he met in the Common Interest, named Shannon Wilson, with whom he shared a happy married life for 45 years. Mack and Shannon began their lives together in Austin, Texas in 1976 and were blessed with three sons Michael, Kevin and Brandon. Shannon was the love of his life. He considered her and their family his greatest blessing and his greatest accomplishment throughout his life being a father. He was an enthusiastic fan and supporter of his three boys in the various sports they played. To this day, his son's jerseys still hang with pride on the walls of The Common Interest.

Mack was an avid golfer all his life. A special gift from his sons a few years ago was a trip to the Master's Tournament in Augusta, Georgia.

Mack never quit doing things on his own terms, overcoming physical limitations that may have caused others to give up. He accepted life's challenges, he worked hard, he was a loving son, husband, father and grandfather or "Pops" as he was known, and he was my lifelong friend and inspiration.

I will miss him.

Mack is survived by his wife, Shannon McKinley, his son Michael McKinley, wife Brie, kids Bodie and Kai, his son Kevin McKinley, wife Candace, kids Kaylee, Kenna, Kensi and Kason, and son Brandon McKinley, wife Amber, kids Dakota and Merritt. Mack is also survived by numerous cousins close to Dallas, Chicago and Nashville.

Madam Speaker, today I honor my close friend and college roommate Mack McKinley. His example of fortitude and strength to overcome obstacles will not be forgotten, and my heartfelt prayers remain with his family and friends during this difficult time.

#### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF REVEREND DR. DEFOREST B. SOARIES

#### HON. BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 23, 2021*

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Dr. DeForest B. Soaries on his retirement as the spiritual leader and senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens in Somerset, New Jersey. As a pioneer in the faith-based community, Dr. Soaries shared his teachings of spiritual growth, educational excellence, and economic development for the last three decades.

Reverend Soaries served not just his flock, but as the first African American man to hold the prestigious position of New Jersey's Secretary of State, he led the entire great State of New Jersey. Dr. Soaries devoted his time to implementing grassroots initiatives to enhance the quality of life for thousands of New Jersey residents. Bridging the gap between underserved communities and voting accessibility as former chairman of the United States Election

Assistance Commission, he assisted Congress in establishing the Help America Vote Act of 2002. Dr. Soaries has worked tirelessly to pave the way for the next generation of civic leaders through his numerous community initiatives to free individuals from the burden of debt by launching the dfree Financial Freedom Movement and currently serves as an independent director at three companies: Independence Realty Trust, Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, and Ocwen Financial Corporation.

I applaud Dr. Soaries for his outstanding accomplishments and commitment to creating opportunities for economic empowerment in our state. On behalf of the state of New Jersey, I would like to formally congratulate Reverend Dr. DeForest B. Soaries on his retirement and wish him the very best as he embarks on his next chapter of life.

#### CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA LODGE NO. 77

#### HON. JENNIFFER GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

OF PUERTO RICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 23, 2021*

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the work of the America Lodge No. 77 on its centennial celebration.

The America Lodge No. 77 was founded 100 years ago and continues to exercise its work ascribed to the Great Sovereign Lodge of Free and Accepted Freemasons of Puerto Rico. On June 19th of 1921, a group of eight distinguished masons celebrated a meeting presided over by the honorable Pedro Del Valle Atilas. In this meeting the new lodge was constituted with the name of Americas.

The Grand Master William E. Lippitt presided over the ceremony when the Great Lodge of Free and Accepted Freemason of Puerto Rico granted the Founding Charter to the America Lodge. With this the number 77 was assigned to the America Lodge and the new Officialdom was installed.

It is motive of pride for the America Lodge No. 77, the fact that their members are not limited to their masonic activities for the benefit of their lodge only. A great number of them have rendered valuable services to humanity like educational conferences about the Masonic history and providing resources to assist the victims of Hurricane Maria. Additionally, members of the Lodge have held positions of importance in different industries throughout the history of the Lodge having a great impact in their communities.

I'm honored to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the America Lodge No. 77, recognizing the uninterrupted work that their members continue to perform.

#### HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE RICHARD ALBERT ST. JOHN

#### HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 23, 2021*

Mrs. TORRES of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent from

Pomona, the Honorable Richard Albert St. John. It is with more than a heavy heart that I share that Richard Albert St. John passed away on November 4, 2021.

From the young age of 16, Richard served his country first with the merchant marines on the Great Lakes steamers. One year later, Richard enlisted into the Army where he served as a marine engine mechanic. After leaving the Army and working in a car factory, Richard re-enlisted and served in the Korean War. He was seriously wounded during the war, and was awarded the Purple Heart.

After being discharged as a Sergeant First Class, Richard relocated to Los Angeles in 1953 and entered public service with the Sheriff's Department and then as an investigator with the District Attorney's office. He attended law school at night at Pacific Coast University while working in law enforcement during the day. Upon passing the bar, he worked as the Assistant County Counsel for Butte County. He later returned to Los Angeles where he met Judith Wallingford and married her in 1970.

Richard's experience and success as a trial lawyer led him to be recruited to the District Attorney's office. From 1975 to 1998, Richard served as a Juvenile Court Referee and then as a Superior Court Judge on the Santa Barbara County Superior Court.

In retirement, Richard dedicated his time to his art, family, and traveling with his beloved wife. Richard was a dedicated husband, loyal friend, and selfless public servant. He will be fondly remembered by his loved ones, friends, colleagues, and community.

Today, Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the Honorable Richard Albert St. John on the House floor to the State of California. May he rest in peace.

#### 158TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 23, 2021*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, in recognition of the 158th anniversary of President Lincoln's famous Civil War speech in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. I believe it is appropriate that we take the time to remember these meaningful words.

#### GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN—NOVEMBER 19, 1863

"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives, that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It

is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

#### IN HONOR OF HEALTHCARE WORKERS

#### HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 23, 2021*

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to offer my sincere gratitude and admiration for the healthcare workers in Alabama's 4th Congressional District, Northern Alabama, and our entire state: We have all heard stories about individuals in the healthcare field who have gone beyond the call of duty during the Coronavirus pandemic. From all across my district, and throughout our state, constituents have nominated some amazing medical workers, and it is my privilege to honor 63 of these individuals today.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen heroic work done to fight the virus on the front lines. Doctors, nurses, first responders, and everyone who has worked tirelessly in the medical field during this past year deserve all the thanks we can give them. They have kept us safe and healthy in a time when we needed it most.

Over the past two years I have visited hospitals, talked with those on the front lines of the fight, and visited vaccine clinics throughout my district. I have been overwhelmed by the outstanding work being done each and every day. It has been a constant battle for these healthcare heroes, but they have risen to the task every step of the way. I have no doubt in my mind that these amazing men and women have made a big difference in Alabama's bout with COVID-19.

It is for those reasons, and so many more, that I want to honor the healthcare heroes of Northern Alabama. They deserve nothing less. Thanks to the submissions from my constituents in Alabama's 4th Congressional District, I include in the RECORD the names of 63 healthcare heroes. When history looks upon this trying time in our country, they will find the names of the men and women of Alabama who courageously took on the fight to keep the rest of us safe.

With my utmost gratitude, may the legacy of these 63 healthcare heroes live on well into the future.

From Jasper, Alabama: April Burton Reed, Ty Blackwell, and Dr. Ike Baker.

From Athens, Alabama: Patrick Boyett.

From Hackleburg, Alabama: Nataline Pennington.

From Fairview, Alabama: Josh Elliott.

From Vinemont, Alabama: Mary Katherine (Katie) Sutter.

From Brilliant, Alabama: Cynthia Burleson.

From Town Creek, Alabama: Destinee Jones.